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AIR CONDITIONER, AND COMPRESSOR :
UNIT (AS AMENDED) :

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Sir:

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Japanese Laid Open Publication No 2-4376 appears to disclose an air conditioner with a flexible pipe.

Japanese Laid Open Publication No. 2-43017 appears to disclose a pipe for air conditioner. This invention discloses a flexible pipe located where four-way valve and heat exchanging unit connect perpendicularly.

Japanese Laid Open Publication No. 4-31501 appears to disclose a freezer cycle pipe connection having flexible reinforcement material.

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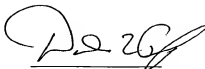
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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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